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SUBJ: DETENTIONS UNDER TERRORISM ACT

1. THIS MORNING'S PRESS REPORTS THE ARREST ON AUGUST 20 UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE TERRORISM ACT OF FOLLOWING THREE CAPE TOWN-BASED PERSONS: REV. JAMES POLLEY, LECTURER AT UNIVERSITY OF CAPE TOWN; MISS MEGAN RILEY, IDENTIFIED AS A FRIEND OF MR. POLLEY; AND MR. GERRY MARE, A MEMBER OF THE NUSAS EXECUTIVE.

2. POLLEY IS NUMBER TWO IN UNIVERSITY'S CENTRE FOR EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES AND HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY ACTIVE IN MAKING UNIVERSITY SUMMER SCHOOL SESSIONS AND OTHER EXTRA-MURAL STUDIES AVAILABLE TO BROAD CROSS-SECTIONS OF VARIOUS COMMUNITIES. HE WAS A FORMER MEMBER OF NATIONAL EXECUTIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT, DISBANDED IN 1971, WHICH WAS STRONGLY CRITICIZED BY THE SCHLEBUSCH COMMISSION. HE IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL OF THE INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS AND OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEAGUS AS WELL AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE. HE IS CO-EDITOR OF A MAGAZINE CALLED BANDWAGON DISTRIBUTED TO BANNED PEOPLE. HE CURRENTLY IS RESEARCHING FOR A PHD ON THE SOCIOLOGY OF RELIGION AT RHODES UNIVERSITY.

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EM MARE ONCE WORKED AS A RESEARCH OFFICER IN THE DURBAN BRANCH

OF THE INSTITUTE OF RACE RELATIONS AND EDITED A BOOK ON THE
1973 DURBAN STRIKES.

4. BEGIN LOU. IN EFFORT TO FIND OUT IF THERE IS ANY DISCERNABLE
PATTERN TO DETENTIONS I DISCUSSED SITUATION TODAY WITH REVEREND
KOTZE, CAPE REGIONAL DIREKTOR OF CHRISTIN INSTITUTE, WHO KNOWS
DETAINEES WELL. KOTZE SAID ALL ARE CONNECTED IN ONE WAY OR
ANOTHER WITH NUSAS AND DETENTIONS MAY BE OPENING OF GOVERNMENT
CAMIAIGN TO DESTROY THAT ORGANIZATION.

5. WHILE I WAS TALKING WITH KOTZE HE RECEIVED PHONE CALL FROM REV.
NAUDE, CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE NATIONAL DIRECTOR IN JOHANNESBURG, WHO
INFORMED HIM OF DETENTIONS THIS MORNING OF GLENN MOSS, FORMER
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT AT WITWATERSRAND, AND
KAREL TIP, RECENTLY RETIRED NUSAS PRESIDENT.
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